

**Battle of Lexington State Historic Site  
Conceptual Development Plan  
October 2014**

Location: Lexington, Missouri  
Lafayette County  
Established: 1959  
Size: 94.97 acres

**INTRODUCTION**

The Battle of Lexington State Historic Site is significant due to the Civil War battle that was fought here in September 1861 and due to the state of preservation of the Anderson House with still visible battle damages and the extensive remains of the earthen work fortifications. Many improvements have been made since the last conceptual develop plan was prepared in 1985. This new plan addresses some recognized needs to further improve preservation, interpretation, maintenance, and administrative needs.

**Mission Statement**

The mission of the Battle of Lexington State Historic Site is to preserve and interpret the significance of this Civil War battle through the use of the Anderson House, the extant battleground and artifacts; and to provide appropriate and compatible memorial activities.

**SITE GOALS**

- Provide facilities that are harmonious with and respectful to the natural and cultural resources of the site
- Provide the public with safe and controlled access to the site
- Provide adequate orientation and interpretation facilities to enhance the public's understanding, appreciation and enjoyment of the site resources
- Provide for those opportunities that are compatible with the resources and mission for the site
- Provide adequate administration, operation and maintenance support facilities to protect, secure and maintain the natural and cultural features of the site

**DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES**

**Extend Trail**

Expand trails to tie in key features.

**Develop New Service Facility**

Acquire suitable tract for service area to include shop and compound for vehicles and equipment.

**Convert Existing Service Area**

Reconfigure lower level of state residence into meeting rooms for staff and community use and facility storage.

**Historic Landscape**

Selectively remove and thin vegetation from Anderson House and battlefield areas to create view shed of Missouri River that more closely resembles the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century landscape.

**Pedestrian Links**

Coordinate with city or county efforts to provide pedestrian link(s) with community trail networks and city sidewalks.

**Further Define Historic Features**

Further define features discovered through research ( archival, archaeological) that would broaden or fill in gaps – such as summer kitchen, slave quarters, privies, other outbuildings or landscape features associated with Anderson House or with battleground features (redoubts, entrenchments).

**PROPOSED PURCHASE UNITS****Acquisition A**

Acquire 0.67 acres for development of a new service area

**Acquisition B**

Acquisition of 0.12 acres is desired to protect the park boundary by owning all the land on the west boundary adjacent to 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Acquisition C**

Two inholdings consist of 0.411 acres. Acquisition is desired to further protect state park boundary on the northern edge of the park. The upper parcel contains a natural water fall, which is unique to the park area.

**Acquisition D**

1.18 acres (left) and 0.58 acres (right)=1.76 acres total

**Acquisition E**

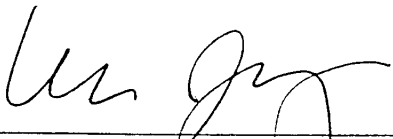
Acquire monument that commemorates site of unknown soldiers that is currently within Lafayette Regional Health Center parking lot. Elevate monument and provide appropriate setting.

**Additional Battlefield Acquisitions**

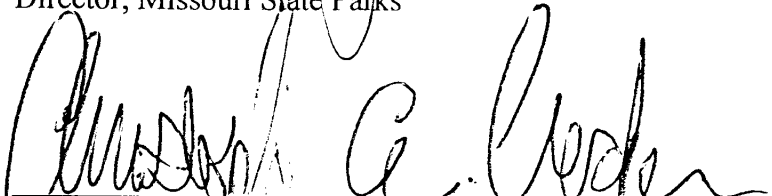
Area highlighted on the map depicts approximate extent of battlefield. Properties within the highlighted boundary that possess important interpretive, preservation or security links with the site could be considered for acquisition.

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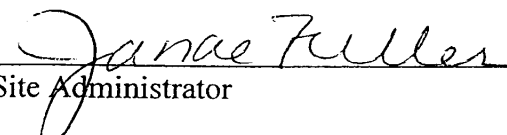
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DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES:

- Trail Development
  - Expand trails to tie in key features.
- Develop New Service Facility
  - Acquire suitable tract for service area to include shop and compound for vehicles and equipment.
- Convert Existing Service Area
  - Reconfigure lower level of state residence into meeting rooms for staff and community use and facility storage.
- Historic Landscape
  - Selectively remove and thin vegetation from Anderson House and battlefield areas to create view shed of Missouri River that more closely resembles the mid-19th century landscape.
- Pedestrian Links
  - Coordinate with city or county efforts to provide pedestrian link(s) with community trail networks and city sidewalks.
- Reconstruct or Define Historic Features
  - Define features discovered through research (archival, archaeological) that would broaden or fill in gaps - such as summer kitchen, slave quarters, privies, other outbuildings, or landscape features associated with Anderson House or with battlefield features (redoubts, entrenchments).
- Acquisition Units
  - Acquisition Unit A - Development of new service area
  - Acquisition Unit B - Inholding - Potential trail access
  - Acquisition Unit C - Inholdings - Protect park boundary
  - Acquisition Unit D - Inholdings - Limit development in park
  - Acquisition Unit E - Monument - Protect and highlight location
- Additional Battlefield Acquisitions - Properties in highlighted boundary that possess important battlefield links should be considered

